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Some high ranking officers of the Yugoslav General Staff and certain members of the Central Committee of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia consider that the relations now existing between Yugoslavia and the USSR as a result of the Belgrade conference have still not matured. As a result, it is not possible to formulate what would be the Yugoslav attitude in case of a general war involving all Europe, or a war involving only the Balkans.

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- 2. The still prevailing official attitude of the regime is that Yugoslavia will do everything in its power to keep out of any war. If that becomes impossible, it will be the Yugoslav national interest which will decide which side Yugoslavia will join. Ideological bonds would not play any role because ideology was not taken into consideration by the Soviets in 1948 when they attempted to deprive Yugoslavia of its independence and reduce it to the status of a Satellite.
- 3. The above stand of Yugoslav officials reflects their lack of trust in the sincerity of the new Soviet course, but the Yugoslav attitude may be subject to further change if the Soviets prove to be sincere. An official of the UDB has stated that there were several facts which indicated that the Soviets were sincere and, as an example, stated that the Soviets have actually discontinued intelligence activity against Yugoslavia and have disbanded the political organizations of Yugoslav refugees in the USSR and in the Satellites.

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